

Guest Speakers

Media Breakfast On the Eve of the European Minerals Day 2009

Brussels, 13 May 2009
09h30-11h00





GUEST SPEAKERS



Mr Abraão CARVALHO

Nationality: Portuguese

[Head of Unit G.3, DG Enterprise, European Commission](#)

In March 2006, Abraão Carvalho took up the position of Head of the Unit dealing with metals, minerals and non-metallic mineral products like cement, ceramics and glass in the European Commission. From 2001 to 2005, he was Head of the Unit dealing with health related industries (biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and cosmetics). During different specific periods of time, he was appointed Director (ad interim) responsible for Capital Goods and responsible for the promotion of entrepreneurship policies in the EU.

He started his career in the European Commission in 1986 to work in the private office of Commissioner Cardoso e Cunha. Since then he has been in charge of units responsible for a variety of industrial sectors within the Commission's Enterprise and Industry Department. His experience has covered consumer

industries (footwear and furniture) as well as pulp and paper. In 1993 he was given responsibility for the industrial sectors related with transport equipment (shipbuilding, aerospace and railways) and in 1996 for defence related industries.

Abraão Carvalho's early career began in academia and included lecturing at the University of Lisbon and Lisbon's Catholic University on Economic Theory and Economics of European Integration (1971-1985). During this same period, he was given responsibility within the Portuguese Industrial Association as Head of Trade Policy Services. He was also made a permanent member of the EFTA Consultative Committee.



Mr Fotios PAPOULIAS

Nationality: Greek

[Official, European Commission, DG Environment, unit "Nature and Biodiversity"](#)

Graduate in Mining Engineering, post-graduate studies on environmental management

Official in DG Environment since 1994

Previous main assignments:

- EIA: implementation of EIA Directive, preparation of SEA Directive
- Nature: implementation of Birds and Habitats directives and related LIFE-Nature projects
- Waste: Preparation of Mining Waste Directive, waste management plans

Currently, Nature and Biodiversity team-coordinator on implementation of Birds Directive, designation of marine Natura 2000 areas, preparation of guidelines on N2000 and non-energy extractive industries

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Sebastian WINKLER

Nationality: Mexican-German

Head of Countdown 2010 (IUCN)

Sebastian grew up in French-speaking Africa, and moved to Brussels to join IUCN's Regional Office for Europe as Senior Advisor European Policy and Head of the Countdown 2010 Secretariat. His major task was to establish the Countdown 2010 Secretariat, which started out as Pan-European Alliance that is translating the 2010 commitment of halting the loss of biodiversity into concrete action (www.countdown2010.net).

Mr. Winkler has worked in IUCN headquarters since 1997. His wide-ranging professional experience in IUCN covers programmatic issues (Environmental Economist, 1997-1999), institutional and management issues (Special Assistant to the Director General, 1999-2000), outreach and fundraising (Conservation Finance Officer, 2000-2003), and most recently addressing the international policy agenda with a particular focus on trade and climate change (Senior Policy Officer, 2003 - 2005).

Prior to joining IUCN he has gathered his working experience with UNEP's Economics, Environment and Trade Unit in Geneva covering aspects such as trade policy and sustainable finance with the banking and insurance industry. In 1995, he worked for the World Food Program's Office of Evaluation and prior to this he gathered experience at the national level while working for Mexico's Deputy Minister of Environment.

His educational background has exposed him to multiple disciplines and to different schools of thought in the many countries in which he studied. He holds a BA from the University of Konstanz, Germany (Development Economics, Administrative Science and Policy), and an Honours BA from the University of Guelph, Canada (Environmental Economics, Politics and Development Studies). He holds various MAs from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, The Netherlands (Drs in Regional Development Planning and Politics of Alternative Development Strategies), and from the University of Trier, Germany and the Ecole Polytechnique of Lausanne, Switzerland (European Master in Environmental Management and a Certificat Postgrade in Environmental Engineering). He also studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Grenoble, France (Political Science) and at the Harvard Business School (Management).

On behalf of the European Minerals Day Partners:



Thierry SALMONA

Nationality: French

President of IMA-Europe (European Industrial Minerals Association)

Graduate of Ecole Normale Supérieure and of Ecole des Mines engineering school (France). Thierry Salmona began his career at the French Ministry of Industry. He became Technical Advisor to the Minister for Energy and Raw Materials in 1986. In 1988, he joined the French group Thomson (interactive media, telecommunications and information systems) where he held the positions of Vice-President Planning then Vice-President Sales for Europe and Asia. He joined the French group Sanofi (pharmaceuticals) in 1992 as Managing Director of the Gelatins & Specialties Division,

which was sold to the German chemicals group SKW Trostberg in 1995. He joined Imerys in 2000 as Executive Vice-President Building Materials and Ceramics & Specialties. As of January 1, 2003, he supervises the new Specialty Minerals business group. Since 2007 Thierry Salmona has been the Group CTO in charge of innovation and business support functions. He was elected President of IMA-Europe in September 2008.

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Q&A participants (European Minerals Day Partners):



Jean-Paul MERIC

Nationality: French

President of **CEMBUREAU** (the European Cement Association)

A former student at “Ecole Polytechnique” and “Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité”, Jean-Paul Méric began his career with EDF (Electricité de France) before moving into the cement industry, first with CERILH (Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches de l'Industrie des Liants Hydrauliques) then Ciments Français since 1985: he was appointed successively Research and Development Manager, Manager of the Cement Division for France, and Executive Vice President of Ciments Français in 1991, responsible for the Group's France/Belgium activities, then the international business, working notably with the USA, Canada, Morocco, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Kazakhstan. Since July 1, 2006, Jean-Paul Méric has been responsible for Group activities in France, Belgium, Spain, Morocco and North America. He is also chairman of CEMBUREAU.



Denis MERTENS

Nationality: Belgian

President of **UEPG** (Union Européenne des Producteurs de Granulats - European Aggregates Association)

Denis Mertens is based in Brussels. He holds a PhD in Applied Economic Sciences and started his career with several US companies in Belgium, ending with Texaco Belgium in 1989 when he joined the Holcim group where he still is. After several assignments in Belgium, Morocco and Egypt, and several positions held in finance and sales, he became General Manager of Gralex, then leading aggregate producer in Belgium, until it's dismantling in December 2008.

He currently occupies the position of CFO Holcim France Benelux. He chaired FEDIEX, the Belgian Aggregates Federation between 2003 and 2006, and has been chairing the European Aggregates Association, UEPG, since 2007.



Jean-Marie CHANDELLE

Nationality: Belgian

Chief Executive of **CEMBUREAU** (the European Cement Association)

A qualified Belgian lawyer, with a Masters of Laws and a Ph.D, Dr Chandelle has held numerous positions in Belgium and abroad. These include Legal Counsel to SOLVAY, Secretary General of the Interlox Group, and Head of Corporate Communications (SOLVAY Group).

He continues to teach Law at the University of Brussels and has published various books and articles in French and in English on Property law, Environmental law and European law as well as articles on Climate Change and on the use of alternative fuels in the European cement industry. He also produces regular contributions as a columnist to international magazines (“Global Cement & Lime Magazine”, “Cement International”) on topics related to EU law and policies. He speaks French and English. Dr Jean-Marie Chandelle is currently the Chief Executive of CEMBUREAU, a position which he has held since 1996.

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Michelle WYART-REMY

Nationality: Belgian

Secretary General of IMA-Europe (European Industrial Minerals Association)

Dr. Michelle Wyart-Remy is Doctor of Sciences (Organic Physical Chemistry) from the Free University of Brussels. She is the Secretary General of EUROTALC since 1979. Since its creation in 1994, Dr. Wyart is Secretary General of IMA-Europe, the European Association representing the Bentonite, Borates, Calcium Carbonate, Diatomite, Feldspar, Gypsum, Kaolin, Lime, Clays, Silica, Talc, Sepiolite, Vermiculite and Wollastonite producers. Since end 2007, she is also Secretary General of EuLA (European Lime Association).

Dr. Wyart is acting as IMA representative and expert in several committees (e.g. EU Commission Raw Materials Supply Group, Standing Working Party for the Extractive Industry (SWPEI) of the Advisory Committee for Health & Safety at Work, and Business-Europe Working Groups, notably the Climate Change WG, and the Energy Intensive Industry Alliance (EIIA) . She is the co-chairperson of the European Network for Silica (NEPSI) and represents IMA-Europe at the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the Extractive Industry.